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of the
30th DIVISION

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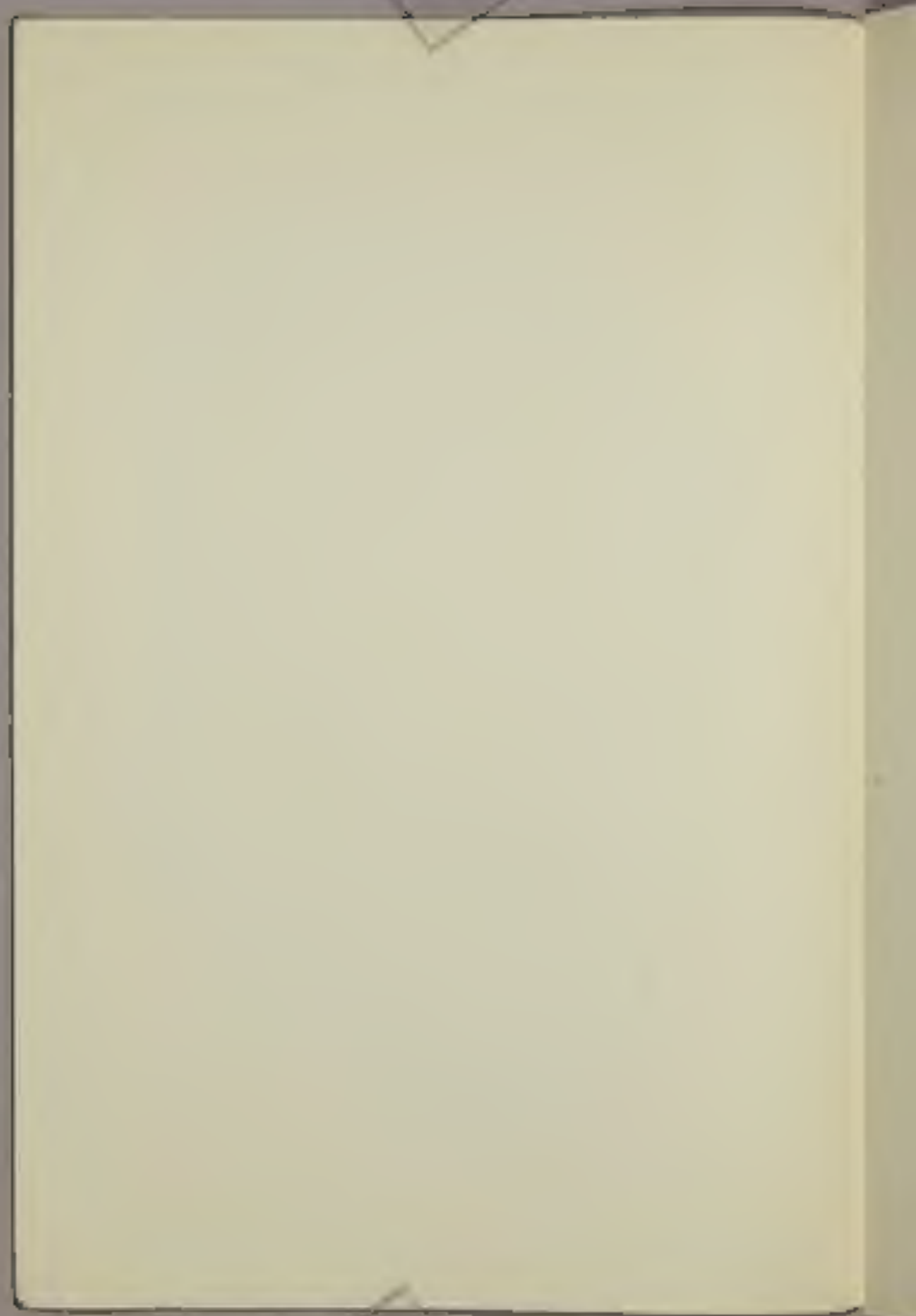


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DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE
OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE DIVISION,
WHO, IN MAKING THIS HISTORY,
THEMSELVES LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES.

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THE 30TH DIVISION.

CHAPTER I

ORDER OF BATTLE—30TH DIVISION.

- G.O.C.*—Major-Gen. W. de L. Williams, C.S.G., D.S.O.
A.D.C. and Camp Comd.—Capt. B. Stern, General List.
A.D.C.—Lieut. G. R. D. Moore, V.C., M.C., Hampshire Regt.,
 died 2/11/18, succeeded as A/A.D.C. by Second Lieut. G. S.
 Maxwell, R.F.A., on 4/12/18.
G.S.O. I.—Lieut.-Col. P. Seamus, V.C., D.S.O., R.E.
G.S.O. II.—Brevet-Major A. E. Williams, D.S.O., M.C., S.
 Wales Borderers.
G.S.O. III.—Capt. J. Fitzherbert-Brockholes, M.C., Lancs. Yns.
 (On Staff Course in England in end of October), A/G.S.O.
 III, Capt. M. Brinton, Manchester Regt., succeeded by Lieut.
 G. R. D. Moore, V.C., M.C., Hampshire Regt., on 23/8/18.
Intelligence Officer.—Second Lieut. F. G. Hammett, Intelligence
 Corps, succeeded by Capt. G. Husley, R. Yorks Regt., on
 8/9/18.
A.A. and Q.M.G.—Lieut.-Col. A. E. S. Clarke, M.V.O., D.S.O.,
 Scots Guards, R. of O.
D.A.A.G.—Major E. P. Clarke, D.S.O., Suffolk Regt. (T.F.).
D.A.Q.M.G.—Major H. M. Bellamy, D.S.O., M.C., succeeded
 by Major F. C. J. Macdonnet, A.S.C., on 23/10/18.
C.R.A.—Brig-Gen. W. H. Kay, D.S.O., R.A., succeeded by
 Brig-Gen. F. W. Mackenzie, D.S.O., R.A., on 3/8/18,
 succeeded by Brig-Gen. F. T. Lambards, D.S.O., R.A., on
 11/9/18.
Brigade Major R.A.—Major M. Gregory, D.S.O., M.C., R.A.
Staff Captain R.A.—Capt. C. C. F. Webb, R.A.
Staff Officer (Recvn.)—Lieut. D. L. Crump, R.A.
C.S.E.—Lieut.-Col. G. W. Denison, D.S.O., R.E., succeeded by
 Lieut.-Col. P. F. Storey, D.S.O., R.E., on 6/2/19.

- Adjutant R.E.*—Capt. E. N. Clifton, R.E.
D.A.P.M.—Capt. A. S. Le Rossignol, M.C., General List.
A.D.M.S.—Colonel G. J. Houghton, D.S.O., A.M.S.
D.A.D.M.S.—Major W. H. Altherton, M.C., R.A.M.C.
D.A.D.P.S.—Major J. A. Boscley, A.V.C.
D.A.D.O.S.—Major H. L. Roberts, A.D.D.
Diol. T.M. Officer—Capt. P. Heenan.
Diol. Gas Officer—Capt. G. M. Painter, Suffolk Regt. (T.F.).
Diol. Claims Officer—Lieut. L. E. Faithfull.
S.C.F., D.C.G.'s Dept.—Rev. F. B. Simpson, M.C., succeeded by Rev. M. W. Shewell, on 28/8/18, succeeded by Rev. J. P. Blaxham, M.C., on 22/11/18.
S.C.F., P.C.'s Dept.—Rev. R. V. O'Shaughnessy.
Education Officer—Capt. R. Finley, R.F.A.

DIVISIONAL TROOPS.

- 148th Brigade R.F.A.*—Lieut.-Col. Hon. H. E. Thellusson, D.S.O., R.A.
149th Brigade R.F.A.—Lieut.-Col. G. Masters, D.S.O., R.A.
X/30th T.M. Battery—Capt. L. S. Martin, M.C., R.A.
Y/30th T.M. Battery—Capt. H. W. Wilkinson, M.C., D.C.M., R.A.
30th Div. Amm. Column—Major H. C. Allfrey, R.A.
200th Field Coy. R.E.—Major O. D. Atkinson, M.C., R.E., succeeded by Major E. O. Alabaster, R.E., on 28/10/18.
201st Field Coy. R.E.—Major N. T. Ellis, M.C., R.E., succeeded by Major A. J. Fawcett, R.E., on 28/10/18.
202nd Field Coy. R.E.—Major J. E. Chippindall, M.C., R.E., succeeded by Major K. J. Lee, M.C., R.E., on 11/2/18.
20th Div. Signal Coy.—Major T. S. Cole, M.C., R.E., succeeded by Major R. Ruge-Parry, R.E., on 30/5/18.
96th Field Ambulance—Lieut.-Col. C. N. Gayer, M.C., R.A.M.C.
97th Field Ambulance—Lieut.-Col. L. D. Shaw, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.
98th Field Ambulance—Lieut.-Col. J. R. C. Greenlees, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.
40th Mob. Vety. Section—Capt. H. V. Metivier, A.V.C.
20th Diol. Train—Lieut.-Col. C. M. Ainslie, D.S.O., A.S.C.
Sanitary Supply Officer—Major F. Price, O.B.E., A.S.C.
Pioneers—4th Bn. S. Wales Burd—Lieut.-Col. W. L. Crawford, D.S.O., Lancashire Fusiliers.
30th Bn. M.G. Corps—Lieut.-Col. H. G. V. Roberts, M.C.
227th Div. Emp. Coy.—Major P. A. Beveridge

21ST INFANTRY BRIGADE.

- G.O.C.*—Brigadier-General G. D. Goodman, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Brigade Major.—Captain (Brevet-Major 1/1/19) W. Tod, D.S.O., M.C., Royal Scots Fusiliers.
Staff Captain.—Captain K. S. Torrance, M.C., The Manchester Regiment. Captain A. Chisholm acted as Staff Captain from 2nd September to 10th October.
Intelligence Officer.—Second Lieutenant F. P. Leybourne, M.M., The Manchester Regiment, succeeded on 3/11/18 by Captain S. Yurston, M.C., Cheshire Regiment.
Transport Officer.—Captain P. H. Chuck, 2/2nd London Regiment, succeeded in September, 1918 by Captain E. K. Spence, M.C., 1/8th Bn. Cheshire Regiment.
7th Bn. Royal Irish Regiment.—Lieut.-Colonel J. Roche Kelly, M.C., South Irish Horse, succeeded on 27/7/18 by Lieut.-Colonel F. Naden, D.S.O., M.C., Cheshire Regiment.
1/8th Bn. Cheshire Regiment.—Lieut.-Colonel A. L. W. Newth, M.C., Gloucester Regiment.
3/2nd London Regiment.—Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Little, D.S.O., Somerset Light Infantry, succeeded on 23/9/18 by Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Mather, South Lancs. Regiment, succeeded on 19/10/18 by Lieut.-Colonel H. A. Milton, M.C., London Regt.
21st L.T.M. Battery.—Captain G. H. Stead, M.C., 1/8th Bn. Cheshire Regt., succeeded on 29/7/18 by Captain R. K. Hamilton, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.).

38TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.

- G.O.C.*—Brigadier-General R. A. M. Currie, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 Lieut.-Col. R. A. Irvine, C.M.G., D.S.O., acted as G.O.C. from 26/6/18 to 11/9/18.
Brigade Major.—Capt. L. F. P. Groube, M.C.
Staff Captain.—Captain W. F. Hinman, M.C. Lieut. W. H. Walker acted as Staff Captain from 8/7/18 to 19/7/18. Capt. A. Ferguson, M.C., acted as Staff Captain from 2/8/18 to 1/9/18 and from 17/10/18 to 27/10/18. Capt. R. Dickie, M.C., acted as Staff Captain from 28/10/18 to 11/11/18.
Intelligence Officer.—Lieut. F. Buckler, M.C.
Transport Officer.—Lieut. A. R. Walker (Acting).
2nd Bn. South Lancs. Regt.—Lieut.-Col. J. D. Mather, succeeded on 23/9/18 by Lieut.-Col. C. H. Little, D.S.O.
7/8th Bn. Royal Innisk. Fus.—Lieut.-Col. R. A. Irvine, C.M.G., D.S.O. Lieut.-Col. C. F. Hesly, M.C., commanded the Battalion from 8/7/18 to 24/7/18 and 22/10/18 to 11/11/18. Major R. C. E. Holmes commanded the Battalion from 11/10/18 to 22/10/18.

- 2/17th Bn. *London Regt.*—Lieut.-Col. H. J. Dear, D.S.O. Major C. G. Ross commanded the Battalion from 5/9/18 to 5/10/18.
 69th *L.T.M. Battery*.—Capt. A. S. Nicol, succeeded on 28/8/18 by Lieut. J. A. Nairn, succeeded on 6/10/18 by A/Capt. E. M. Barlow.

90th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

- G.O.C.*—Brig.-Gen. G. A. Stevens, D.S.O.
Brigade Major.—Capt. I. C. Cowan, D.S.O., M.C., General List.
Staff Captain.—Capt. G. W. Crawshaw, *Manchester Regiment* (T.F.)
Intelligence Officer.—Lieut. F. W. Hounsell, *London Regt.* (T.F.)
Transport Officer.—Capt. C. Sadler, *Manchester Regt.*
 2/34th *London Regt.*—Lieut.-Col. R. J. L. Ogilby, D.S.O.
 2/18th *London Regt.*—Lieut.-Col. A. W. Gass, M.C. Lieut.-Col. A. G. H. Denke, M.C., commanded the Battalion from 9th October to 11th November.
 2/16th *London Regt.*—Lieut.-Col. N. G. Pearson, D.S.O., M.C.
 90th *L.T.M. Battery*.—Capt. H. A. Hilton, *Manchester Regt.*, succeeded on 20th October by Capt. J. R. Symons, *West Yorkshire Regt.* (S.R.)

CHAPTER II.

THE OLD AND THE NEW DIVISION.

Sumner, and had its first

in the line south of Arras, where,
1917 it took part in the short advance when the

Infantry. They had left the Somme since 1

of the 2nd Division, under the command of Lord
H. G. V. Roberts, M.C., Middlesex Regiment.

GEN. HASTINGS SOUTH WALES BORDER

next sheep had, with

y that the 2,17th spent the remainder of the

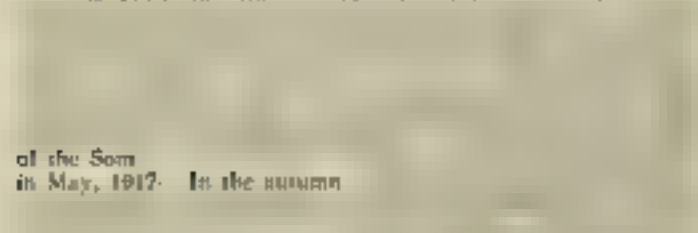
Olympus, they then rejoined the
of the Division after an unforgettable trek. The

as of the 60th Division played a large and



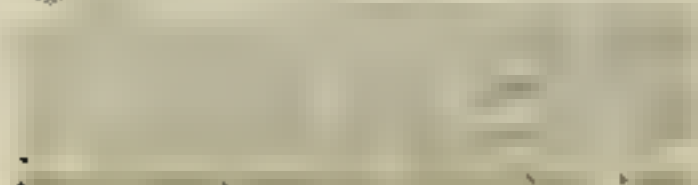
2nd BATTALION ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT

The Battalion was formed from the South side



of the Som
in May, 1917. In the summer

Regt.





killing Pupils, and on 20th June began
vivors, the 7th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles

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CHAPTER III. THE LOCKE SECTOR.

Local patrolling helped to confirm

harrowed into the hills in their innumerable way all

eluding pruned

thing about the front line (to be Irish) was the

CHAPTER IV

A. M. 1918

THE CAPTURE OF SHANSHUO BRIDGE

21ST-22ND AUGUST, 1918.

information of the enemy dispositions. They
of the Support Companies and also of the
On the morning of the attack both these

Company), under Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Mather

21st Brigade 16th Ho

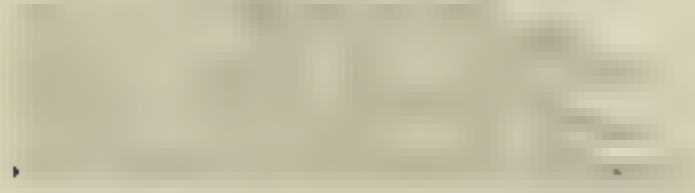
one of them in action despite a serious accident



WITH DRANOUTRE OPERATIONS.

Due to Distinguished Service Medal

Leut. H. W. Tinker, 1/6th Bn. Cheshire R.



Distinguished Service Medal.

Regt

Bar to Military Medal

Military Medal

No. 113222 Cpl. E. Reese, Royal Engineers

No. 287066 Pte. R. G. Coleman.
No. 57 245 King. A

2,441 Bn. London Regt.

No.	17995	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	20700	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	32340	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	26740	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	3447	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	40603	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	4704	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	530247	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	2707	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	974	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	35035	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	45	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	44200	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	6315	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	110	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	17315	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	67111	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	1593	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	38108	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	63327	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	1742	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	633620	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	535228	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt
No.	110	ser	g	Arden	2nd	n	South	London	Regt

CHAPTER V

THE ADVANCE FROM MONT ROUGE TO
WILLERODERF

torn and twisted pieces of metal.

7, Q

rejoined their Brigade south-west of Drancourt.
The Cheshire

army showed no immediate intention of giving
up and east of it. By evening the Irish were
with their feet

when the gun fire and the flash was so



2nd SEPTEMBER, 1917

Second Bar to Distinguished Service Order

7th Bn. Royal

Distinguished Service Order

Military Cross

Lieut. A. E. Mills, 2, 7th Bn. London Regt.

Lieut. R. E. Jones, 2, 23rd Bn. London Regt.

70558 Lt.-Col. C. Benson, 7th Bn. Royal Irish Rif.

26281 Pte. T. H. Ives, 7th Bn. Royal Irish Rif.

701074 Lt.-Col. J. Jeffery, 2, 23rd Bn. London Regt.

CHAPTER VI

THE WULVERHEIM SECTOR

3rd-28th September, 1918

British front line, whi

bank along the Douve stream. Thus the troops

Frederick's farm

A BAKER IS STOMPED ON THE 10TH DIVISION

WATER WRA SHELL

Denver stayed by his mutilated corpse in "No. 3"

he left. There A Company of the 2nd South Lan
hire from Doeschep—Westonite forw

Headquarters moves
Calm on Mont Noir

g despite considerable opposition

SEPTEMBER, 1918

Military Cross

Lieut. A. F. Hinkston, Royal Field Artillery.

Second-Lieut. S. J. W. Hakenster, 1st London Regt

and W. J. Truman, 7th Royal Irish Regt

and H. Cooke, 16th Cheshire Regt

Second-Lieut. C. E. Hall, Royal Field Artillery

Distinguished Conduct Medal

Nor to Military Medal

Military Medal

CHAPTER V.I.



regions (90th Brigade) the others by

Battalions were to make good a line over the



SAUNGER (1914) WITH
T. W. WILKINSON, at
who crawled up to the
the best means of attack.

shell-holes



SAUNGER (1914) WITH
T. W. WILKINSON, at
who crawled up to the
the best means of attack.



Before the advance
our right was pushed
back—2, 11th.

entirely isolated, and
intention of giving up the battle

edge, the
first time

left and right of that road the line bent in the shape of a
bow to connect with the 11th Division.

little loved in the nation further north.

performed

Witchamere last year—to cases of both water and

water nearer Wolverhampton. The company had also

when

over a new Divisional Road a fine roadway
and from the western outskirts of Combe to
north of Wexley, all in the low and unexcavated flat

wolves on the slopes of the ridges

O. E. F. 1. 1. 1.

Mr. G. F. 1.

Honneur des soldats Belges

Commandant le groupe (in) du 15^{ème} Régiment
d'Artillerie Armée Belge

JANUARY, 1918

Bar to the Military C.

Capt. R. Pringle, M.C. 2, 15th London Regt.

Major D. S. Mackay No. 30 Bn. Machine Gun Corps.

Capt. W. Berthelot

Lieut. A. L. Clouston, 2nd Bn. South Lancs. Regt.

Lieut. S. P. Hurst No. 30 Bn. Machine Gun Corps

Capt. R. S. Mower, 2, 7th Bn. London Regt.

Second-Lieut. R. V. Moore, 2 15th Bn. London Regt.

Rev. H. G. Crabtree, C.F. D.C. & Dept.

B. H.

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Capt. P. Heenan, Royal Field Artillery

Distinguished Conduct Medal

2 17th Bn. London Regt
18th Bn. London Regt
a. London Regt

Military Medal

Bn. London Regt
London Regt.

50537 Sergt. H. P.
502280 Cpl. W. A. W.

Sgt. 2. 15th Bn. London Regt

No. 80 Bn. Machine Gun Corps
4th Bn. South Wales Borderers.
V. Holand, Royal Engineers.

CHAPTER VII.

From October—Till November, 1918



being considerable execution

A. Flint was strikingly effective.

London did woman work in this, rounding



The Whole Divisional Front



of heavy fighting also
With the 14th D

intention of doing so. He at

went up the slopes, though short of the

40 parapets. Both here and at the Scheidt

night had his bridge over and ready for crossing.



Scheldt was starting in
the Division she entered

Division was on the border—through which

the little village of Kollégien by 11 a.m., with

who were
back from L'Enfer to Les Trois
hours in a straight line short of the high



The jacket had to be

holding material as easy to
the more determined than he

and a
some more
other than

cross. The ha





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in which the 30th Division had no men there

OPERATIONS FROM 3RD OCTOBER TO
1ST NOVEMBER 1918

Bar to Distinguished Service Order

Distinguished Service Order

Bar to Military Cross

G.O.C.

Military Cross

Lieut. R. P. Percival, R.E., Royal Engineers

Capt. V. I. Watson, 2nd Bn. South Lancs. Regt

Lieut. E. Barker, 2nd Bn. South Lancs. Regt
Lt. Jones, 2nd Bn. South Lancs. Regt

Distinguished Conduct Medal

Irish Regt

R. Coulthard, 2, 18 Bn. London Regt

4 488 C. M. Green, M.M. 2nd

Bar to Military Medal.

5811 Pte. J. Mason, M.M. 2 14th Bn. London Regt

2 23rd Bn. London Regt
p.m.m. 2 23rd Bn. London Regt
Taylor, 2 23rd Bn. London Regt

700635 Serge. C. J. Pollard, 2 23rd Bn. London Regt

J. Redmond, 7th Bn. Royal Irish Regt
38170 Pte. G. Slesinger, 7th Bn. Royal Irish Regt
4-Clk. E. Ince, 7th Bn. Royal Irish Regt

No. 572611 Kilmer, P. Riley, 2 17th Bn. London R

2504 Pte. H. Heythman, 2. 4th Bn. London Regt.
 Paddock, 2. 14th Bn. London Regt.
 H. D. Gwy 2, 4th Bn. London Regt.
 Juno, 2. 14th Bn. London Regt.
 515897 Pte. C. A. Graves, 2. 14th Bn. London Regt.
 515220 Pte. A. C. Lyne, 2. 14th Bn. London Regt.

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1845-2 Surgt. C. Bowden, 170th Inf. Cheshire Regt.

20243 Pte. J. Simpson, 14th Bn. Cheshire Regt
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Serjt. S. G. Wilson (T.F.), 2, 14th Bn. London

No. 2158 Serjt. G. Evans, 146th Brigade R.F.A.

R. Wapdell, 2, 17th Bn. London Regt.
Curwen, Royal Irish Regt. (att. 7th Bn.
8) annihilating Fusiliers

No. 17 '80 4 Serjt. G. Kevle, Manchester Regt.

MEMORABLE SERVICE MEN

No. 23415 A/Cdr. E. J. Ferns, Army Ordnance Corps.

* Nord

M.S. D. A. Ewing, 6th Bn. S. Wales Nord
M.S. P. Westhorpe, No. 80 Bn. M.C. Corps
S.M. A. W. Ayres, Divisional Train

No. S.E. 10817 re. (A.L. Cpl.) H. Wright, 40th Mobile Vet. Ser.
No. 11868 Cpl. R. Shelley, Wiltshire Regt.

Irish Regt.

40.5

12256 Pte J Wp
267739 R Q M
16165 R Q M

id in Despatches

Major W. S. Danks, 87th Field Ambulance

Lance Regt.
Lieut S. C. C. Greenidge, 217 Bn London Regt













